

Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Identifying Robbery Suspect – Update

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Wilmington, DE – Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives have positively identified the suspect wanted in connection with several robberies of local businesses which had occurred this past June.

Through tips from the public and other investigative means, detectives identified Leo N. Watson, 44, of Newark, as the suspect who committed the robberies of two Wilmington area businesses and the attempted robbery of another from June 1, 2016 – June 5, 2016. In each incident, the suspect would enter the targeted business and confront a store employee, implying that he was armed. He would then demand money and cigarettes before fleeing from the store. There were no injuries in any of the incidents and no weapon was ever displayed.

Leo Watson is described as being 5'08" tall, weighs 270 lbs., and has black hair and brown eyes.

Detectives have linked Watson to the following robberies:

- Valero, 1327 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington, Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 1:54 a.m. (Attempt Only)
- Exxon, 5301 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 2:50 a.m.
- Exxon, 5301 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 11:21 p.m.
- Dollar Tree, 2099 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 9:06 p.m.

If anyone has any information as to the location of Leo Watson, they are asked to contact Detective Steven Rizzo at 302-365-8440. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect who robbed three area gas stations in a two day period earlier this month.

In each incident, the suspect would enter the targeted business and confront a store employee, implying that he was armed. He would then demand money and cigarettes before fleeing from the store. There were no injuries in any of the incidents and no weapon was ever displayed.

The pictured suspect is described as a black male. He was 20-40 years of age, 5'06"-5'10" tall, with a large build.

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If anyone has any information in reference to these incidents they are asked to contact Detective Steven Rizzo at 302-365-8440. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://DelawareCrimeStoppers.com) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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